



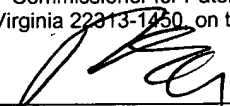
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 09/926,571 entitled "ISOFLAVONOID METHYLATION ENZYME" – by Richard A. Dixon and Xian Z. He*
Our reference: NBLE:025US; Client reference: NF-99-04-US


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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

1. An Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated February 4, 2004; and
2. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

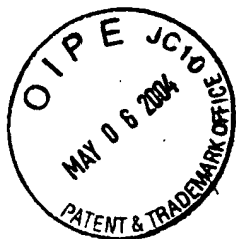
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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.